

THE JUDICIARY

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Joe L. Heaton, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the nominations are confirmed. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

NOMINATION OF DANNY C. REEVES

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for their support of the nomination of Danny Reeves to be a Federal District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Danny is a Kentucky native. He grew up in Corbin in the eastern part of our Commonwealth, and later went to college at Eastern Kentucky University. He then graduated with honors from the Chase Law School in northern Kentucky, and clerked for one of Kentucky's leading jurists on the Federal bench, Gene Siler.

Since then, Danny has practiced exclusively at a prominent Kentucky firm, specializing in complex civil litigation. In that time, he has not only represented a number of Kentucky's leading businesses, but he has also done a great deal of community service work, focusing on title IX compliance for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

To be honest, I did not know Danny before I sat down earlier this year to talk with him about his interest in sitting on the Federal bench. But in the conversations we have had, it became clear that he is a bright, articulate lawyer who has the demeanor and integrity to be a fine judge. I enthusiastically support his nomination.

I thank my colleagues for voting for this nomination. Danny Reeves knows the people of eastern Kentucky, he knows the law and he knows how the Federal bench in the Eastern District works. He is going to be able to hit the ground running, and he is going to do an exemplary job. The President made a fine choice in nominating him, and the sooner the Senate can confirm him, the better it will be for justice in Kentucky.

NOMINATION OF JOSEPH L. HEATON

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I am pleased the Senate has just confirmed Joe Heaton, an outstanding individual and a superb attorney, to be U.S. district court judge for Oklahoma's Western District.

President Bush could not have made a finer selection to serve our country as a district court judge. Joe Heaton is exceptionally well qualified and will prove to be a great asset to the judicial system in Oklahoma and our country.

Joe graduated from Northwestern State College in his home town of Alva, OK, in 1973. Even before his graduation, Joe's commitment to public service was already evident. While still in school, he was elected to the Alva City Council and later was elected to serve as council president. Following graduation from college, Joe attended the University of Oklahoma School of Law where he excelled, making Oklahoma Law Review and Order of the Coif. He was also on the Dean's honor roll and won American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Conflicts of Law. Upon his graduation from law school Joe continued to dedicate himself to public service, this time coming here to Washington to serve as Legislative Assistant to Senator Dewey Bartlett.

Returning to Oklahoma in 1977 he practiced law with the prestigious firm of Fuller, Tubb & Pomeroy. He is respected by his colleagues as an "honorable and trustworthy leader and friend." While engaged in civil practice, Joe was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives where he served until 1992. In this capacity as a State legislator, Joe served as the Republican leader for 3 years. His fellow legislators have described him as possessing the qualities needed on the Federal bench.

In 1991, I was pleased to recommend Joe's appointment to serve as U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma. He joined the U.S. attorney's office as a special assistant U.S. attorney and served in that capacity until 1992 when he became the U.S. attorney. In 1993, Joe returned to private practice until 1996 when then U.S. attorney, Patrick Ryan, asked him to return to the U.S. attorney's office. For the next 2 years, Joe was acting U.S. attorney while Mr. Ryan was in Denver in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. Once again, Joe exhibited his strong commitment to serving Oklahoma and the Nation.

Joe and his wife Dee Anne are very active in their church where Joe serves as an Elder. They are proud of their two sons, Andrew and Adam. I congratulate Joe and his family on his having earned the position for which President Bush has selected him. I thank Chairman LEAHY and Ranking Member HATCH for their work on Joe Heaton's nomination. I applaud the Senate for confirming him as he will make an outstanding judge who will work diligently to administer justice while serving as a Federal district court judge.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION AND RURAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2001—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1731, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to consider S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order. Under the previous order, the motion to proceed is agreed to. The motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3338, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, 2002

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, for military functions administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Army on active duty (except members of reserve components provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund, \$23,446,734,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Navy on active duty (except members of the Reserve provided for elsewhere), midshipmen, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social